

White Paper Report on Intercity Rail

I. Introduction:

- Importance of intercity rail transit to the transportation system.
- Importance of outlining the issues.
 - Understanding
 - Improved decision-making.

II. Intercity Rail Transportation in California

- Overview of intercity rail transportation in California:
 1. Systems
 2. Rail line owners
 3. Operators
 4. Financing capital improvements – programs
 5. Financing operations

III. Important Issues in Intercity Rail Transportation

1. Finance
 - a. Funding Sources
 - b. Operations Funding
 - c. Subsidies
 - d. Marketing
2. Operations
 - a. Productivity and Social Goals
 - b. Performance Measures
 - i. Federal and State Performance Measures
 1. Farebox Recovery Ratio
 2. On-time Performance
 3. Ridership
 - c. Economies of scale and services provided
3. Network
 - a. State and Nation-Wide Interconnected Network
 - b. Intrastate connections
 - c. Local connections
 - d. Scheduling and coordination issues
4. Goods Movement
 - a. Freight operators

IV. Future Direction

1. Legislation, Regulation, Standards
 - a. state recommendations
 - b. federal recommendations